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Herman Wouk Lectures on Paradox of Historical Fiction

Herman Wouk, author of *War and Remembrance* and many other best sellers, first came to the Library of Congress in 1964, determined to write historical fiction about World War II. He returned on October 29 to explain to a full house in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium the problems confronting him in fulfilling his ambition.

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, opening the program, congratulated the audience on having "the wit to read and to know him" and observed that "he helped us learn it is possible to transmute the drama of remembrance and give it to us." In his introduction, consultant in poetry William Meredith likened him to Sir Walter Scott, an entertainer who pleased the reader of both poetry and fiction. He said that like James Joyce he knew what lay in the hearts and minds of men.

Mr. Wouk revealed that in October 1939, he was employed as a gag writer for comedian Fred Allen, enmeshed in what he called "that strange métier of making people laugh." At this time he did not recognize the pitfalls of the entertainment world, "a great white hole" in the universe, with no rays touching the outside world of reality. But after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Navy's Officer Candidate School and became an officer on a destroyer-minesweeper patrolling the South Atlantic. "I found myself whirled like a driven leaf by the winds of war to the equator, performing duties I was barely equal to, in a war I did not understand." Pulled out of the "white hole," he began to read voraciously and to understand what was going on around him. The fruit of his experiences with men, ships, and war was the novel *The Caine Mutiny.*

He realized that his great novel of the war was yet to come. In 1962 he began an outline and in 1964 moved to Washington where he still resides. After three years of research he found himself against a stone wall, the paradox of historical fiction, to him a contradiction in terms. He felt that when the ingredients of romance, fictional characters, and

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Pictured at a luncheon in the author's honor in the Whittall Pavilion are Herman Wouk, Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, and Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island.

events are included, the documentary "stuff" of history almost loses its credibility. And it is almost impossible to write down the mass of documented information necessary to the telling of the story. Yet Mr. Wouk, realizing that his mission was one of entertaining, created a coherent vision of what to write by including events as they occurred and giving immediacy to the experience with a passion that fused the elements into a living work of art.

The prime passion of *War and Remembrance* is grief, recalling the holocaust and the catastrophic slaughter of 50 million people throughout the world, and yet the novel sustains the hope that society will surmount the avalanche of evil. The author wrote the novel during the Vietnam war, the Watergate experience, and the Middle East wars, but concluded that despite conflict and wrongdoing mankind will survive.

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Library of Congress consultant in poetry William Meredith and Herman Wouk confer in The Librarian's office.

Mr. Wouk closed with Prospero's lines from "The Tempest":

> But release me from my bands
> With the help of your good hands.
> Gentle breath of yours my sails
> Must fill, or else my project fails,
> Which was to please . . .
> As you from crimes would pardon'd be,
> Let your indulgence set me free.

Author and columnist Michael Novak, Assistant Librarian for Research Services John C. Broderick, and Herman Wouk join in a discussion before the luncheon.

Violinist, Pianist Will Perform Chamber Music Concert on November 30

Soviet artists Oleg Kagan and Vladimir Skanavi will perform a program of chamber music for violin and piano in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress on Friday evening, November 30. Their program will include the Sonata in E minor, K.304 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the Sonata in A major, Op. 47 (the "Kreutzer") by Ludwig van Beethoven, the Duo Concertante by Igor Stravinsky, and the Sonata in G major by Maurice Ravel.

The performance at the Library of Congress will be Mr. Kagan's recital debut in the United States. In Europe and the Soviet Union, he performs frequently with distinguished pianists and conductors. He has recorded Mozart concerti with David Oistrakh conducting the Moscow Philharmonic and violin sonatas of Beethoven and Mozart with pianist Sviatoslav Richter. Mr. Kagan studied the violin with David Oistrakh at the Moscow Conservatory and in the 1960s won the first prizes of the Sibelius Competition and the Third International Bach Competition, as well as the second prize in the Third International Tchaikovsky Competition.

Pianist Vladimir Skanavi, a Moscow native, studied with pianist Jakob Milstein at the Moscow Conservatory, and in 1964 he received an honorary diploma at the International Enescu Competition. Mr. Skanavi and Mr. Kagan met in Bucharest and they have performed together extensively, touring throughout Europe and in Japan. Mr. Skanavi also performs frequently with cellists Karine Georgian and Natalia Gutman.

The concert on November 30 will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets will be distributed at the Patrick Hayes box office, 1330 G St. N.W. (Jordan-Kitt's) beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 26. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday mornings by calling 393-4463.

The concert will be broadcast live by radio station WETA-FM, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

Elizabeth Bishop, 1949-1950 Poetry Consultant, Dies at Age 68

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Elizabeth Bishop, consultant in poetry in English to the Library of Congress in 1949-50 and subsequently one of the Library's fellows and then honorary consultant in American letters, died at her home in Boston, Mass., on Saturday, October 6. Miss Bishop's most recent appearance at the Library of Congress took place in March 1978 when she joined 12 other distinguished American poets who have served at the Library of Congress for a consultants' reunion (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for Febraury 24 and March 24, 1978, pp. 125, 127-28, 189-90).

Miss Bishop was to have read from her poetry at a program in Boston's Sanders Theater on the day following her death. The audience gathered and Miss Bishop's friends, joined by short story writer Mary Lavin who was to have shared the program with her, read from her work in her memory. Young poet

This photograph of Elizabeth Bishop was taken in the Library's Poetry Room during her tenure as consultant.

and critic Lloyd Schwartz, who was to have introduced Miss Bishop, praised her for the "wonderful legacy" of her poetry.

As consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress, Miss Bishop's tenure brought substantial progress in the preparation for issue of the second series of albums, *Twentieth Century Poetry in English*, of recorded poetry issued by the Library. She also arranged for poets Dylan Thomas and Allen Curnow to record for the Library's archive. In December 1949, she was the hostess for the first social event held in the poetry consultant's quarters, a tea for Robert Frost and Carl Sandburg when they visited the Library on the same day.

The recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, Miss Bishop was also frequently associated with colleges and universities as a lecturer or poet-in-

residence. From 1970 until her retirement, she was lecturer in English at Harvard University. She was the author of *North & South* (1946), *Poems* (1955), *Cold Spring* (1955), *Questions of Travel* (1965), and *Geography III* (1976). She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1956 for *Poems*.

Library Publishes Bibliography On Star of Bethlehem

The Star of Bethlehem: A List of References, a 44-page bibliography compiled by the Library's associate chief bibliographer Ruth Freitag, includes both popular and scholarly treatments of the nature of the star. The star seen by the Wise Men, as described in the Gospel of Matthew, has been a perennial source of wonder. It has engaged the interest of historians and chronologists striving to determine the exact year of Christ's birth, theologians and exegetists attempting to plumb its significance, orientalists seeking to place the story in the context of the astrological beliefs of the time, and astronomers hoping to explain the phenomenon in a natural way.

The bibliography, a revised and expanded version of the list that appeared in the LC *Information Bulletin* last December, contains entries that were identified through indexes to general, astronomical, and religious periodicals and through library catalogs. National Union Catalog symbols for other libraries are used wherever possible to indicate the locations of copies of monographs not in the collections of the Library of Congress. Other titles are identified by Library of Congress call number.

The list of writings reveals that even the best efforts by most learned scholars have failed to settle the matter, although works of research and speculation on the nature of the star of Bethlehem are numerous. Interest in the star, as reflected in the literature, has also occasionally been heightened by fresh developments, such as the search for the "pilgrim star" in the 1880s, the return of Halley's comet in 1910, and the establishment in the 1920s and 1930s of plantetariums in many European and U.S. cities.

The Star of Bethlehem (ISBN 0-8444-0292-3) is available for $2.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 030-000-00112-5) or in person only at the Information Counter in the Visitor Services Center (ground floor west entrance lobby) of the Library of Congress Building.

Death of Nadia Boulanger Reported

Directed Concerts at LC in the 1930s

Nadia Boulanger, in whose honor the Library of Congress held a special concert on the occasion of her 90th birthday in September 1977, died at her home in Paris on Monday, October 22, at the age of 92. That concert was conducted in part by one of Mlle. Boulanger's most famous students, Aaron Copland, whose "Appalachian Spring" was commissioned by the Library of Congress and first performed here in 1944.

Mlle. Boulanger, a conductor, pianist, and teacher of many generations of musicians, influenced a number of composers and artists associated with the Library of Congress either by their commissions or their performances. She herself directed three vocal chamber music programs performed in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium in 1938 and 1939.

Regarded as the most influential teacher of music in the 20th century, Mlle. Boulanger was affiliated with the American School of Music at Fontainebleau from its founding in 1921. As a pianist she offered the premiere performances of Stravinsky's Dumbarton Oaks Concerto, in Washington, D.C., in 1938, and of his Sonata for two pianos in 1944. She made the first important recordings of Monteverdi madrigals in 1937.

The program at the Library of Congress in honor of her 90th birthday consisted of works by composers who had touched her life and whose careers she had touched. Besides Copland's Nonet for strings, that concert included performances of Monteverdi madrigals, Cortège and Nocturne by Lili Boulanger (the teacher's younger sister who had died in 1918), Elliott Carter's Duo for violin and piano, Gabriel-Urbain Fauré's L'Horizon Chimérique, and Stravinsky's Septet.

Area Poets Will Read on December 3

Washington, D.C., poets Myra Sklarew and Edward Weismiller will read from their work in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Monday, December 3. The program, which begins at 8 p.m., will be followed by a reception. This reading is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. No tickets are required.

Myra Sklarew says of her childhood, "I lived at home or in the woods or in my father's lab among the Florence flasks. Writing began in 3rd grade. It was said my teacher's three brothers died that year. She often went to the window to cry. I wrote a kind of natural history of the world to ease things, converting

STAFF NEWS

Clara Shackelford Receives 20-Year Pin

Clara Shackelford, elevator operator foreman in the Buildings Management Division, was presented a 20-year pin on October 30 by John J. Laffey, assistant chief of that division.

Mrs. Shackelford began working at the Library as a part-time member of the custodial force during the 1950s. In 1966, she became an elevator operator and in 1977 she was promoted to the assistant foremanship. She was recently promoted to the foreman position. In addition to supervising elevator operators, Mrs. Shackelford supervises checkstand activities during public meetings and functions of the Library.

Afro-American Culture Club Forms

The Library of Congress Daniel A. P. Murray Afro-American Culture Club will hold its first meeting on November 19 at 11:45 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Newly established under LCR 2022-2, the club has been organized to promote increased awareness and appreciation of Afro-American culture. The club is named in memory of Daniel A. P. Murray (1852-1925) who was an assistant librarian in the Reading Room for 44 years of his 52-year tenure at the Library. During his early years at the Library, Murray developed an interest in outstanding persons of African descent and began collecting materials by and about them which he planned to publish in encyclopedic form. In 1899, he assembled a collection of 500 books, out of 1,100 he had identified, "on the progress of the Colored race in the United States since emancipation" for the 1900 Paris Exposition. He later bequeathed to the Library his own extensive collection of these works.

The meeting will include a discussion of the club's proposed constitution and bylaws. All staff members who are interested in becoming members of the club are invited to attend.

The following pro tem officers may be contacted for additional information: Sylvia Lyons Render, Manuscript Division, president; Leon Turner, Library Services Division, vice president; William E. Branch, Jr., Loan Division, secretary; Beacher J. Wiggins, Descriptive Cataloging Division, treasurer; Donna Donato, Congressional Reference Division, historian; and Mary B. Smith, Exchange and Gift Division, parliamentarian.

Staff members whose attendance at the program may require staying beyond the normal lunch period should consult their supervisors.

Staff Activities

Natalie Delougaz, chief, Shared Cataloging Division, was a speaker at the October 12 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in New Haven, Conn. She talked on the subject of cataloging Slavic and East European materials at the Library of Congress.

Jan Herd, senior assistant of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* in the Hispanic Division, participated in a discussion group on "News Media and Foreign Policy." The group was one of five which composed the Strategy for Peace Conference held at the Airlie House in Warrenton, Va., on October 25-29. The Stanley Foundation, sponsor of the conference, will publish the deliberations and recommendations. Its "Outreach on International Issues" program is broadcast on public radio and will carry a discussion on the U. S. news media and the Third World which Jan Herd and three other participants taped during the conference.

Samuel Iftikhar of the Asian Division served as a panelist in a conference on Islam held at the Unitarian Universalists headquarters in Arlington, Va., on October 20. The conference was addressed by American and Muslim scholars of Islam. Dr. Iftikhar's presentation was on the topic "Interreligious Understanding: Communication between Muslims and People of the Book (Jews and Christians)." In his talk, he discussed the importance of communication and the possibility of mutual understanding and appreciation.

William H. Mobley, assistant evaluations officer in the Collections Development Office, attended the second conference of Federal Government Historians held on September 13 at the Department of Energy. The conference was called to discuss the role of historians in the Federal Government. Several resolutions were passed to strengthen the position of Government historians and to encourage greater attention to the role of history in various agencies and Government in general.

Paul Spehr, assistant chief of the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, wrote

JMMB Cafeteria Nears Completion

Salad and dessert bar

Hot food counter

The cafeteria in the James Madison Memorial Building, located in the central area of the sixth floor, will seat over 900 persons. Service will be provided by a scramble food system and will include a round center component serving salads and desserts, a short order counter, a delicatessen counter, two identical hot and cold beverage counters and three hot food counters with entrees, vegetables, soups, and bread and butter. Six cashiers using automatic computing terminals will provide receipts. A wooden deck or terrace will also be accessible to diners who want to glimpse a view of the city before or after eating.

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an article entitled "Fading, Fading, Faded: The Color Film Crisis" for the November issue of *American Film* magazine. In the article, he discusses why colors in recent films are deteriorating and contrasts films made using the original technicolor process with the less expensive methods used in making present color films.

John A. Wolter, chief, Geography and Map Division, discussed the collections and services of the division at a meeting held in the British Library on September 10. The meeting was chaired by Helen Wallis, head of the Map Library at the British Library. Representatives from several United Kingdom institutions including the Public Records Offices, National Library of Scotland, Royal Geographical Society, Directorate of Military Surveys, and the University of Cambridge attended the meeting.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Jeffrey Brown, economic analyst, GS-7, CRS E, 90499; Anne Goldblatt, clerk (typing), GS-6, CRS A, 90693; Delores Legette, catalog filer (trainee), GS-5, Cat Mgmt, 90411; Charles Mozee, laborer, WG-3, Bldgs, 90603; Nancy Rauch, section secretary and bibliographic assistant, GS-6, Afr/ME, 90782; Jennifer Sauve, Congressional research administrator, GS-14, CRS RAR, 90543; Arch Shero, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 90530; Mary Skinner, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, OP PR-108.

Temporary Appointments: Margaret Lang, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Hollis Near, reference assistant, GS-4, CRS F, NP; Denise Neary, inquiries recorder (trainee), GS-7, CRS ARS, NP; Molly Roberts, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Jimmie Wagner, inquiries recorder (trainee), GS-7, CRS ARS, NP.

Reappointment: Gregg Esenwein, economic analyst, GS-9, CRS E, 90499.

Temporary Reappointment: Elizabeth Trumble, visual information specialist, GS-7, Exh, NP.

Promotions: Doris Berry, CS, to assistant supervisor, NUC Editorial Composing Unit, GS-7, Cat Publ, 90674; JoAnnette Blanchard, CRS F, to cata-

loger (advanced trainee), GS-7, Cop Cat, 90584; C. Lee Burwasser, CS, to bibliographic assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 90596; Kenneth Carpenter, to senior microphotographer, GT-5, Photodup, 90615; Karen Christopher, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS EPW, 90756; Conway Clark, to supervisor, Reference Unit I, GT-11, Photodup, 90791; John Colletta, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS E, 90694; Bernard W. Costello, Jr., to senior film processing technician, GT-7, Photodup, 90588; Nancy Drexler, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS E, 90694; Donna Duffy, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS E, 90694; Rhonda Ferguson, E&G, to bibliographic assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 90596; LaVonne Grabiak, to clerk (typing), GS-6, CRS A, 90693; Norvell Jones, to head, Paper Conservation Section, GS-12, Preserv, 90513; Donna Livingston, FMO, to voucher examiner, GS-6, P&S, 90717; Dennis McNew, to supervisor, Reference Unit, GT-11, Photodup, 90791; Michael Miller, to head, MARC Monograph Verification Unit V, GS-11, MARC Ed, 90582; Keith Minter, Cop Exam, to senior clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Inf & Ref, 90748; Timothy Monn, to office machine operator, GS-3, FRD, 90579; Judith Schmidt, Cop Acq & Proc, to technical officer for acquisitions, cataloging and processing, GS-13, Proc, 90697; Marietta Sharperson, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS E, 90694; Rodney Stevenson, Bldgs, to collections maintenance worker, WG-4, Col Mgmt, 90442.

Temporary Promotions: Bolivia Davis, Col Mgmt, to issue brief clerk, GS-4, CRS AIS, 90681; Donald Hill, Col Mgmt, to master files assistant, GS-3, CRS L, 90709.

Transfers: Ruby Bowser, CRS L, to filer trainee, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, 90705; S. Joan Easton, Subj Cat, to cataloger (advanced trainee), GS-7, Cop Cat, 90733; Stephanie Green, MARC Ed, to reference files assistant (trainee), GS-3, CRS L, 90550; Denise Jones, Col Mgmt, to head, Certificate Production Unit, GS-5, Cop Rec Mgmt, 90734; Sharon Masanz, CRS S, to reference assistant, GS-7, CRS EPW, 90545; Theodore R. Moore, Jr., CRS AIS, to recruitment and placement specialist, GS-9, Pers R&P, 90559; Velma Rawlison, Cop Acq & Proc, to clerk-typist, GS-4, E&G, 90618; Frances Steverson, Loan, to catalog assistant, GS-5, Ser Rec, 90521; Liesa Washington, Pers PC&O, to classification assistant (typing), GS-6, Class A&R, 90587.

Resignations: Felixico Chisley, Photodup; Karen Emmons, CRS L; Dennis Hagwood, Col Mgmt; Sharon Lancaster, CRS EPW; Wanda Miska, Desc Cat; Andre Ross, Bind; Barnett Sherchuk, MARC Ed; Sandra Thomas, CRS D.

Staff members who would like to announce upcoming meetings in the Staff News section of the *LC Information Bulletin* should submit the information one month before the date of the meeting to the Information Office in Room G107 of the Library of Congress Building.

Announcements

The Scholars' Committee's **Women's Studies Discussion Group** will hold a lunch meeting on Friday, November 30, at 1 p.m. in the rear of the Library cafeteria. All interested staff and library users are invited to attend and to bring topics and information to share. More details about the group and about past meetings are available from Sarah Pritchard, General Reading Rooms Division on ext. 75520.

The **Welfare and Recreation Association** will hold annual elections on Thursday, November 29. All staff members must show their WRA cards before voting. Flyers announcing polling times and places are being distributed now.

Birth Announcement

Joyce and Richard Darilek are the parents of a son, Edwin William, born on Friday, September 28, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Darilek is the Dutch legal specialist in the European Law Division. Dr. Darilek is employed by the Department of Defense. The Darileks also have a daughter, Hilary.

Marriage Announcement

Peggy W. Williams and Warren S. Coates, Jr. were married on September 29 at the Church of the Incarnation in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Coates is a senior administrative clerk in the CRS Office of Management and Administrative Services, and Mr. Coates is a carpenter's apprentice with Kraft & Murphy Construction Co. in the District of Columbia.

Early December Events

Monday, December 3

A poetry reading given by Myra Sklarew and Edward Weismiller. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are required.

Friday, December 7

Concert performance given by violinist Edith Peinemann and pianist Walter Klien. Wind ensemble directed by Frederick Prausnitz. A limited number of tickets will be distributed free to staff members through the WRA Office beginning the preceding Friday. Tickets are also distributed through Patrick Hayes, 1330 G St. N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday of that week. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 14

World premiere of David Baker's *Jazz Suite for Violin and Piano* performed by violinist Ruggiero Ricci and pianist Mitchell Andrews. Other selections to be performed include works by Bach, Franck, Ysaye, and Paganini. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Staff members who wish to attend programs or other events taking place during their normal working hours should consult their supervisors.

the flora into useable household objects for insects. The conversion part is important—that notion of transforming things in the imagination is still what interests me about writing, though unlike Hegel I do believe there is life beyond the house."

Myra Sklarew has taught at The American University since 1970, where she was director of the writer's conference from 1975 to 1978. Her books of poetry are *In the Basket of the Blind* (1975) and *From the Backyard of the Diaspora* (1976), which won the di Castagnola Award from the Poetry Society of America and the Award in Poetry of the National Jewish Book Council.

Edward Weismiller's first collection of poems, *The Deer Come Down,* was chosen by Stephen Vincent Benét for publication in the Yale Series of Younger Poets in 1936. Two further collections of his poems have been published, *The Faultless Shore* (1946) and *The Branch of Fire* (1979). His novel, *The Serpent Sleeping,* was published in 1962.

A Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Weismiller earned the M.A. degree from Harvard University and a D. Phil. degree from Oxford University. He was on the faculty of Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., from 1950 to 1967. Since 1968, he has been professor of English at the George Washington University. He is a specialist in English verse form.

Mr. Weismiller has received two Guggenheim Fellowships and numerous other awards. He is at work on a fourth collection of poems, to be entitled "One-Sided Conversations."

Library of Congress Publications

New Publications

American Graffiti: A Bibliography. Washington, D.C., 1979. (7 pp.) Compiled by Elaine J. Epstein for the Archive of Folk Song. This new finding aid is one of approximately 170 lists of one to 20 pages available from the Archive, which also issues a list of its current bibliographies. Free upon request from the Library of Congress, Archive of Folk Song, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Nomenclature & Hierarchy: Basic Latin American Legal Sources. ISBN 0-8444-0311-3. Washington, D.C., 1979. (viii, 123 p.) Compiled by Rubens Medina and Cecilia Medina Quiroga. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for $6.50 (Stock No. 030-013-00008-5).

Persian and Afghan Newspapers in the Library of Congress, 1871-1978. ISBN 0-8444-0283-4. Washington, D.C., 1979. (xiv, 101 p.) Compiled by Ibrahim V. Pourhadi. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents for $3.50 (Stock No. 030-000-00109-5).

Ongoing Publications

Cataloging Service Bulletin. ISSN 0160-8029. Number 6. Fall 1979. (55 p.) This issue contains information on the availability of indexes to the bulletin; extensive information on AACR 2 (errata and corrigenda to printed text, display of general material designations, implementation at the Library of Congress, rule interpretations for AACR 2, and a list of some revised headings for 1981); information on AACR 1 rule interpretations (original publication dates in titles, added entries for works, deletion of initial articles); a note concerning an omission from the Arabic romanization table; revised corporate name headings; information on French book prices; illustrations of some Library of Congress automated name authority records; and information concerning a change in the use of PZ 1-4 in the LC classification system. Free upon request from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541.

FLC Newsletter. ISSN 0014-5939. No. 112. July/August 1979. (9 pp.) Free upon request from the Federal Library Committee, Library of Congress, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Library of Congress Subject Headings in Microform. ISSN 0361-5243. Cumulative 24x microfiche updated with additions and changes through December 1978. (52 fiche). The 1978 cumulative edition is available for $45 from the Cataloging Distribution Service. Although not yet available, subscriptions for 1979 quarterlies are being accepted priced at $50.

Monographic Series. ISSN 0093-0571. April-June 1979. Vol. 1: A-K (530 p.) Vol. 2: L-Z (512 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service at a cost of $200 for three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation.

APPENDIX

A Report on the Third Meeting of ABACUS

(Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States)
Ottawa, Ontario, March 19-21, 1979

The third meeting of the ABACUS (Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States) group of national libraries was held on March 19-21 at the National Library of Canada, Ottawa.* Representatives attending included Jan Fullerton, National Library of Australia (NLA); Richard Coward and Joyce Butcher, British Library (BL); Lucia Rather and Ben Tucker, Library of Congress (LC). The meeting was chaired by Cynthia Durance of the National Library of Canada (NLC), and other NLC representatives were Ed Buchinski and Tom Delsey. The minutes of the meeting prepared by Clarisse Cardin of NLC are summarized below.

The objective of ABACUS is to bring the member libraries into greater alignment. Complete compatibility is not expected, and ABACUS agreed that any agreements reached are not binding and that they may be overridden by policy decisions subsequently made by any of the libraries for economic or other reasons. Before a member makes a final decision on an important problem or when it decides to withdraw from an ABACUS agreement, the issue is to be discussed by the four libraries in order that all may be aware of the impact of the individual decision on the other libraries.

A number of specific issues were discussed at the meeting. The first was AACR 2 options. The final decisions on AACR 2 options will await further consultation in each country. The four agencies did reaffirm the decisions made at the 1978 ABACUS meeting, as published by each agency.

On the subject of AACR 2 rule interpretations, all four agencies indicated that they will continue to use "Great Britain" (rather than "United Kingdom") in headings. "Soviet Union" was agreed on as the approved term for the U.S.S.R. Discussions were held, but no unanimity reached, on questions of placement of titles of nobility and terms of address preceding forenames, spaces after initials in personal names, use of unused forenames, and use of "Dept." vs. "Department" in corporate names.

In the area of mechanisms for exchange and dissemination of rule interpretations, it was decided that interpretations of major importance will be circulated to other ABACUS members and discussed without delay. The Library of Congress will continue to publish AACR 2 interpretations in its *Cataloging Service Bulletin* and will send prepublication copies to other libraries. It was also agreed that all of the libraries will keep the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) informed of their more important rule interpretations.

On the proposal for unique identifiers, Mr. Tucker reported that the Library of Congress/National Library of Canada proposal for unique serial identifiers had been discussed at the March 1979 Joint Steering Committee meeting. JSC passed a formal resolution approving the technique as appropriate and within the spirit of AACR 2. The ABACUS chair commented that the proposal was devised in such a way as to achieve compatibility between AACR 2 and the ISDS *Guidelines*. Currently the creation of AACR and ISDS records at NLC requires two operations, and it is important that the Library of Congress and NLC be able to extract the ISDS record from the AACR record or to build on the former to produce the latter. It was decided that LC and NLC would begin using unique identifiers with AACR 2 and that the British Library and National Library of Australia would look into the possibility of their use.

On the level of description for serials, it has been decided that the least complex description for serials should be chosen, possibly AACR 2 level 1 enhanced by the addition of a few elements. Still needed are LC/NLC discussions with CONSER participants on the level of description and further research to determine whether level 1 would be adequate.

Since the Chinese romanization system, Pinyin, is coming into widespread use, it was felt that all the ABACUS libraries should consider the advisability of its adoption. BL already uses Pinyin; in 1981 NLA will probably change to this system; and NLC finds that it would be advantageous to adopt this form of Chinese romanization. LC is still studying the question. Systematic vs. conventional romanization for personal name headings was discussed. ABACUS members restated their position regarding the alternative rule 22.3C2 concerning the romanization of persons entered under surname. It was agreed that the alternative rule is applicable only to a few cases (that is, when one English-language form predominates and this is confirmed by a consistent pattern found in reference books). LC, NLA, and NLC

*The two previous meetings of the four libraries were reported in the LC *Information Bulletin* for April 8, 1977 (pp. 239-252) and November 3, 1978 (pp. 680-684).

agreed to abide by their decision of March 1978 to apply the alternative rule to all languages and BL, although closer to agreement than at the previous meeting, decided to postpone its choice. LC will romanize all bibliographic records except Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, Hebrew, Yiddish, and Persian. The Library intends to produce MARC records in vernacular scripts at a later time and prefers having a generalized capability to handle vernacular scripts rather than beginning production of MARC records in only one or two languages.

On the topic of entry for maps, the three main possibilities for main entry for maps, that is, area, corporate author, and title, were discussed. LC is still studying the matter and agreed to discuss the matter with cartographic librarians from Canada, Britain, and the United States when they met in Ottawa in October (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for November 2, pp. 456-457).

On filing principles and rules, the chair noted that for the exchange of records, filing rules do not have to be the same; however, cases where filing is sufficiently different will have to be identified and common ground will have to be found in principles of filing. The omission of the initial article was also discussed. The Library of Congress representative announced that the Library would begin in April (1979) to omit initial articles in all fields except in the bibliographic description. BL will consider the possibility of filing fields for handling initial articles. NLA is omitting initial articles. NLC agreed to review its practices.

On Dewey Decimal Classification, NLA and LC are planning to use only DDC 19th-edition numbers in their bibliographic products from January 1980. BL did not indicate a beginning date, but has a commitment to give numbers from both the 18th and the 19th edition for two years. NLC will add broad DDC numbers to all its serials from 1981; LC currently assigns DDC numbers to a large proportion of its serials; BL provides DDC numbers for all its serials. Should ISDS eventually choose the DDC as the classification to be used in its records, the large number of serial records bearing DDC numbers from the ABACUS libraries would already be included in the ISDS data base.

Regarding the implementation of AACR 2 and Dewey 19 in national CIP programs, LC has not made a final decision whether to change to AACR 2 CIP entries beginning on January 1, 1981, or earlier. Because of the problem of records already in the pipeline, both pre-AACR 2 and AACR 2 records will be issued for some time after January 1981, but AACR 2 records will be identified as such. BL will issue tapes with AACR 1 records until January 1, 1981; AACR 1 CIP records will be gradually upgraded to fit the AACR 2 file. NLA will start using AACR 2 for CIP entries in October 1980. NLC intends to use AACR 2 in CIP records beginning in the fall of 1980 and to hold records until the system is converted. Internal conversion is planned for October to produce AACR 2 records for the January 1981 issue of *Canadiana*, the December 1980 microfiche, and the corresponding weekly tapes. NLC will not mix AACR 1 and AACR 2 records.

On format changes for AACR 2 and Dewey 19, both LC and NLC took the position that they wanted to minimize format changes. Updated LC/MARC formats will be published this year. Revised CAN/MARC formats for monographs and serials were to be issued in April. BL is reviewing its formats and has so far identified elements to be incorporated. Specifications were to be finalized in the summer. The AUS/MARC format revisions were made primarily to accommodate AACR 2 and ISBD provisions. NLA is on the verge of developing a format for nonbook materials which would lean towards UNIMARC. NLA has found that it needs to include relators in its nonbook format. There has been pressure in the United States and Great Britain to use relators for specific categories of persons, for example, illustrators of children's books and film directors. Relators are called for in UNIMARC, but it was agreed that discussion will be postponed on this subject until more pressing problems are solved.

In ISO 5426—Extended Latin Character Set—the ISO draft standard contains 26 characters which are not included in the LC MARC set, but the ABACUS libraries are not likely to get a large number of records requiring these additional characters. Because of LC's tight programming situation, it is difficult to recommend additions to the character set at this time. Manufacturers should be made aware, however, of the need to develop a print train and terminals which will display the characters included in ISO 5426. The ABACUS libraries agreed that the LC MARC character set should be used until ISO 5426 became an international standard.

In status report on UNIMARC implementation, NLA will begin analysis in 1979 and programming in 1980; NLC will begin specifications in 1981 and programming in 1982; BL and LC changes to utilize UNIMARC may not begin before 1981.

There was also a discussion of the Library of Congress proposal for a National Level Bibliographic Record (NLBR) and its impact on exchange of records. The idea of the National Level Bibliographic Record derives from the fact that the Library of Congress can provide only approximately 70 percent of the source records which U.S. libraries need.

Some libraries which have a high quality of cataloging wish to contribute records. The NLBR is an attempt to define what standards libraries would have to follow in order to be accepted as contributors to the national data bank. In addition to using records from other U.S. institutions, the Library of Congress hopes to develop a large on-line file that will include Australian, British, and Canadian tapes for use in the Library's data base. The Library emphasized the importance of using identical headings and noted that interchange will depend on the development of widely available national authority systems. With the LC/NLC agreement on authorities, conflicts arising from the use of both LC and NLC records in Canadian libraries have largely disappeared. Included in the NLBR proposal is the concept of a minimal level bibliographic record containing full description but few access points. The Library of Congress plans to shift some of its cataloging to the minimal level and these records may be distributed on tape. BL is planning to input an early in-process record in its system, a very low level record that libraries could upgrade or to which they could eventually add their location.

On the subject of authority files, the ABACUS libraries had agreed at their previous meeting that each library would be responsible for names of corporate bodies in its own country. It has now been decided that it would be premature to extend this agreement to the verification of personal names. The four libraries reviewed the progress of automation in their own authority systems. The Library of Congress has a batch input and update system that creates authority records. The Library began creation of authorities for new names in machine-readable form in 1978 and will add to the file at the rate of 110,000 a year. Records for heavily used retrospective names will also be created. These authorities will be made available through the tape distribution service. The Library of Congress began adding AACR 2 forms to retrospective headings in October 1978 and in May of this year began doing the same for new headings. Before 1981, the Library will not verify whether cross references are valid under AACR 2. As the headings come up after 1981, the references will be adjusted. The new catalog will contain only post-1981 cards with linking cross references to old forms in the pre-1981 catalog. The reverse will also be done. LC hopes to have an authority microfiche later in 1979 and to publish the old and new forms of the most common names in *Cataloging Service Bulletin*. LC wishes to extend eventually its authority files to on-line mode, and it plans to build a module to link authority files with bibliographic records. NLA issues authority file data in bibliographic records, including references. NLA's manual file is available on film, and an automated system is planned for the future. The proposed development and implementation of the BL MERLIN system has been suspended for economic reasons; this necessarily means that the creation of a British Library Name Authority File will depend upon the facilities available in Blaise ELHILL system. The NLC system is running in batch, as it has been since 1974. Authority records are created for all items cataloged for *Canadiana* and for nearly all items cataloged additionally for the NLC collection. The base file is distributed quarterly on fiche and it is updated by biweekly supplements. The authority records are not yet available on tape; NLC expects the authority system to be on-line in about two years when DOBIS becomes fully operational. NLC's authority format for communication is as compatible as possible with that of the Library of Congress. As to the use of AACR 2 in authorities prior to 1981, NLC will create as many AACR 2 records as possible, probably beginning with Canadian Government headings.

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